

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An unique expanded foam rectangular shaped meat tray 10 is described having a bottom wall 12 with side walls 14, 16, 18 and 24 extending upward and outward to an upper peripheral lip 30 at an obtuse angle "A" of between 110 degrees and 140 degrees relative to the bottom wall 12. Internal steeply inclined curved alignment surfaces 42 are formed at the corners of the meat tray 10 adjacent the lip 30. The internal alignment surfaces 42 are steeply inclined at an obtuse angle "B" of between 94 degrees and 105 degrees. The surfaces 42 are curved in an arc of more than 90 degrees. A process and apparatus is provided for accurately trimming the lip 30 as the meat tray is being separated from a web 8. The apparatus includes an alignment fixture 84 mounted on the face of punch plates 74. The alignment fixture 84 has complementary exterior curved side corner alignment surfaces 92 with steep angles "C" of between 75 degrees and 86 degrees. A method is also provided.

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